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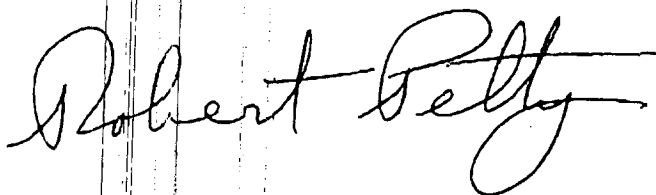
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear the federal government and Microsoft reached an agreement in the antitrust case. I believe closure to this long process of litigation can be a springboard for more active competition in the IT industry. This can happen only if no more action is taken at the federal level and the government does not continue to sue Microsoft.

According to the settlement reached with Microsoft, the company will change the way it develops and markets its products. There will be a committee to ensure the company complies with the agreement and competitors will have the ability to sue Microsoft if they think the company is not complying with the agreement. With these guidelines in place, we as people of the United States need to move forward.

For the sake of the IT industry and consumers, we need to allow Microsoft to resume delivering prime technology to the national and international marketplace. This will be in the best interest of our country and our economy. Please to not take more action against Microsoft. Thank very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert Petty